Dr. E. S. R. Menon—Grade of pay.

102 Mr. P. Raman Menon:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what was Dr. E.S. R. Menon's pay when he was first entertained;

(b) what is his present pay and in what grade;

(c) is there any idea of increasing his pay or grade;

(d) in the light of the importance of his office, do the Government contemplate raising him to the rank of a first class officer of the State ?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— (a) Rs. 200 in the grade of Rs. 200—400.

(b) Rs. 530 in the grade of Rs. 450—650.

(c) Yes; his pay has since been increased.

(d) No, such contemplation.

Arecanut trade of the northern Talu's of the State—monopoly by Mr. Ahmedkutty of Ottupara.

103. Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Are the Government aware that in the northern taluks of the State there is a wide-spread and deep discontent on account of the so-called monopoly of arecanut trade now enjoyed solely by Mr. Ahmedkutty of Ottupara;

(2) have the Government received reports of public meetings or petitions protesting against the arecanut monopoly granted to Mr. Ahmedkutty of Ottupara; if so, from what all places and persons;

(3) do the Government intend to make any alterations in or cancellation of the monopoly now granted to the owner of the Ottupara market ?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon— (1) No monopoly of arecanut trade is granted to any in the State by the Government. Mr. Ahmedkutty is only conducting an arecanut market at Ottupara on all Wednesdays strictly in accordance with the rules now in force.

(2) Yes.

a. Mr. K. Sankaran Nayar, Pudusseri.

b. „ Kapraseri P. Ittinikanda Kaimal of Keechery.

c. Rev. Fr. Francis Neelankavil, Vicar, R. C. Church, Vadoor.

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d. Mr. M. Thomu, Mundoor.
e. „ K. Raman Menon, Velappaya.
f. „ A. K. Poulose, Paranoor.
g. Rev. Fr. Paul Ambooken, Vicar, Tirur Church.
h. Mr. C. R. Raghavan Ezhuthassan, Choorakkattukara.
i. „ K. P. Lonappan, Parapur.
j. „ L. Vishnu Namboodiri, Puliyannur.
k. „ T. T. Kuriath, Kunamuchy.
l. „ K. I. Chakkunny, Vellarakad.
m. „ V. K. Velappan, Desamangalam.
n. „ K. V. Kunjikrishnan Moota Nayar, Edakolathur.
o. Rev. Fr. Antony Palayoor, Eranellur.

(3) this question does not arise in view of the answer to (1) above.

Director of Public Health—Visits to Coonoor.

104. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of visits paid by the Director of Public Health to Coonoor this year;

(b) the purpose of his each visit;

(c) the T. A. drawn by him.

(d) did he take leave from the Government when he left the State ?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:— (a) Six.

(b) Purely personal.

(c) No T. A was drawn on this account.

(d) Yes.

Digging of wells and tanks by the Public Health and Panchayat Departments.

105. Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Will the Government be pleased to state whether the digging of wells and tanks in rural areas is now undertaken both by the Health Department and the Panchayat Department ?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— Wells and tanks in areas administered by Panchayats are sunk at the instance of the Panchayat Department and in areas within the jurisdiction of the Health Department by the Director of Public Health.

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